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Norwich, Wednesday, June 22, 1910.

The Circulation of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any other paper in the state. It is delivered to over 3,000 of the 4,053 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety-three per cent of the people. In Wadsworth it is delivered to over 900 houses, in Putnam and Danielson to over 1,500, and in all of these places it is considered the local authority. Eastern Connecticut has forty-five towns, one hundred and sixty-two postoffice districts, and forty-one rural free delivery routes. The Bulletin is sold in every town and on all of the R. F. D. routes in Eastern Connecticut.

CIRCULATION

1901, average 4,412

1905, average 5,920

Week ending June 13, 7,742

COAL MINE FATALITIES.

That coal mining is a perilous occupation, constant mining accidents have been clear; and the high average of fatalities connected with the work leaves no doubt that every protection which should be extended to these workers is not given to them. It is a bad record which shows that four lives a day have been lost in American coal mines on the average for a quarter of a century. The latest report shows that the total number of deaths in coal mine accidents last year to have been 1,412 against 2,450 in the preceding year.

The total number of deaths for which causes have been assigned in the past 25 years was 36,775, and the number of non-fatal accidents was 22,332. Of these, gas and dust explosions killed 4,045 and injured 4,401. Two-thirds of those injured being in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania; powder explosions in other parts of the country killed 1,593 and injured 4,367; falls of rock and coal killed 14,510, and injured 13,551; and 9,732 deaths and 22,365 injuries were due to other causes. It is to be observed that nearly 50 per cent of the total number of deaths were from falls of rock and coal, and only 12 per cent were due to explosions of gas and dust.

The killed and the injured have averaged over eleven a day for a quarter of a century. What other industry has such a record as this?

AN INTERESTING ALLIANCE.

In the agricultural world corn is well regarded as king, and the promotion of its cultivation was never more zealously advocated than in this day of unprecedented harvests. It has been demonstrated that the finest corn grown in the world is cultivated right here in Connecticut; and eastern Connecticut in late corn exhibitions has taken first prize. Now an interesting alliance has been formed between the National Corn exposition, which will be held at Columbus, O., next February, and the New England Corn show, which is announced for Worcester during the week of November 5-12, has recently been perfected, one feature turning upon exchange of service. The management of the national exposition volunteered to send an expert to work with and for the local show, on condition that the best specimens in all classes gathered at Worcester be exhibited also at Columbus. To this the New England management agrees, volunteering also to employ the expert at its own cost for an additional two months, probably beginning about July 15. Such an arrangement happily suggests that the west and the east have now no reason to try to check each other's activities in corn production. At the present price, corn is a profitable crop for New England, even if western growers can raise mere bushels to the acre.

SCARCITY OF LABOR.

Scarcity of labor has come to be a world cry. It is not because men are scarce, but because so many men are idle in productive employment and too many are trained specialists who decline to lend a hand in other lines of industry. Every agricultural section of this country is calling for dependable hands at reasonable prices—every truck gardener in the rural zone adjacent to the cities finds himself handicapped first by the conditions demanded by those willing to work, and next by inability to procure experienced workers of the land. Kansas is going to call for 40,000 men temporarily to help rather its great crop of grain this summer.

An Australian paper says: Mr. Wade pointed out the other day that railway duplication depended to a very considerable extent on the supply of labor. The state is really short of workers. A man came into this office the other day and said he wanted 45 men at once; ringbarking at 25 shillings (\$6.25) per week, and found. He couldn't get them. West Australia is in the same plight. At the same time, over there last month there were 375 vacancies for agricultural laborers and only 245 were filled.

Australia is short of men; men who will work in the fields and on the railways and big public works. But we have a pathetically small population and a remarkably low birth rate. There is salvation in immigration, but as a nation we haven't realized that fact as yet.

There are in the world from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 military men; and as many more millions of men who are idlers from choice; and it is not likely that these 10,000,000 men represent more than half the world's non-producers.

The signs are that it will be necessary for a large per cent of the population to go back to the farm if the machine is to be kept reasonable in price.

THE BUSY CENSUS BUREAU.

The census bureau is getting down to work and important reports are expected to be ready for publication by the middle of July.

Concerning the population division, the bureau reports that the work of the 70,000 enumerators has been substantially completed. The schedules containing the population returns have been received from 38,000 districts, or more than half the total number. Some idea of the magnitude of the work of the enumerators, which includes the agricultural census as well as the population, may be gained from the fact that between October 2, 1909, and May 28, last, 32,747,132 schedules, blanks, etc., were sent to supervisors and enumerators, contained in 145,743 packages.

When the population schedules are received they are subjected to a hand count for the purpose of determining the number of people, on which the pay of the enumerators in most cases is based. They are then subjected to examination with reference to their correctness, especially with respect to mother tongue and occupations. Next they go to the punching machines, where one card is punched for each person; these cards will later be tabulated by electric tabulating machines.

The agricultural division anticipates the receipt of about 6,500,000 farm schedules, besides a large number of irrigation, plantation, forest, and nursery schedules, as well as about 3,000,000 schedules covering livestock in cities and villages, not on farms. Fully one-third of the schedules of each kind have already been received and are in the hands of the clerk for examination and tabulation. The schedules are first classified according to the color of the farmer, the tenure, and the size of the farm, and are then tabulated by means of various kinds of adding machines. About 20 adding machines will be used in this work.

The division of manufactures conducts an annual inquiry regarding the production of lumber and other forest products. Returns have been received from 37,409 of the 42,000 establishments to which cards were sent regarding the business of the year 1909. The annual work of collecting statistics of cotton spinning, which also falls to the division of manufactures, has been completed for the crop year 1909, and the report has just been issued, entitled "Cotton Production, 1909". The division of vital statistics, which collects annual statistics of births and deaths, reports that the tabulation of the mortality statistics for 1909 is well under way and is expected to end by July 20. From January 1 to May 31 the reports of 160,280 deaths occurring during 1909 were received by this division. It is preparing to issue its first report on birth statistics, covering the year 1908, the tabulation for which is nearly completed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Roosevelt will devote two days a week to callers and the rest to work.

A man never gets too old to enjoy a circus. He has to go to see the elephant.

Happy thought for today: Friction is natural, but a good lubricant ever comes it.

Roosevelt still says "By George!" just as heartily as he used to when president.

The men who make a game of life are not those who dig in the trenches or defend the flag.

The courts of Virginia can fine a man \$500 for profanity. Old Virginia requires soft peddling.

The land in the best business portion of New York is worth over twenty-nine millions an acre.

The price of bathtub has gone up; but the old swimming hole will make them unnecessary for awhile.

The tetanus germ is said to be found in the strawberry bed, but he gets most fatal on the Fourth of July.

If Massachusetts had a large stock of Nat Goodwins she would not long have a surplus of 70,000 unmarried women.

It is strange that a man who can make a mile a minute should want a \$4,000 automobile. Hamilton had to have one.

Never mind the near-commission government. We are booked for a rattle-snake Fourth of July celebration—anyhow.

Vermont is complaining because two murder trials have cost the state \$30,000. Connecticut once cashed in \$24,000 for one case.

A scientist has risen to say that there is no such thing as radium. Well, there are professional men who do not believe there is such a thing as virtue.

Chancellor Day says the automobile is a curse. There is no doubt this blanket-blank machine has caused more cursing than any one machine in modern times.

This is the season of the year when young fellows who would have made good blacksmiths take their diplomas and go out into the world to make poor doctors or lawyers.

There are lots of girls who wonder why they are not invited out often. If they liked to do their part as well as they like to lie in the hammock, things might be different.

When Colonel Roosevelt was distributing his gifts he did not forget the British museum. "There is likely to be as great a demand for his book in Great Britain as in America."

The Rutland News says: "The average eighth grade pupil in the schools of other states writes more legibly and spells more accurately than does the average graduate of a Vermont high school." What a jolt for home talent!

Mathematics of the Garden. A Manchester scientist lately received a note from a friend which ended with the question: "How is your garden doing this year?" The postcard sent in reply was worthy of a man of mathematical training. It was a simple equation:

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400,000 slugs. —Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

Taking a Chance. Notwithstanding the wreck and ruin of our railroads by hostile legislation, those who have taken a chance on \$25,000,000 of railroad bonds.—Indianapolis News.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

ABOUT JAKE

"It's going to be a lovely fit," said Miss Pike, putting three pins into her mouth, weaving two more in and out of the front of her shirt waist and depositing another in the arm of her victim. "Oh, I beg pardon; I'm afraid that will be into your eye."

"Speakin' of fits," she went on, "I pretty near had one last evening. You see, me sister's been visitin' me and of all the circus Aunt Mag's the best. 'She's told more things on me since she's been there.' Say, it's been a real picnic. The other night Aunt Mag was askin' me at the supper table if she ever heard what become of Jim Stone. Well, ma said she hadn't never heard, and then Aunt Mag began to laugh."

"She said me ma went in there first about one o'clock and then another, and finally she says, 'Liz,' she says, 'did you ever tell the girls about that fellow you met up in the country?'"

"Well, you never see any person get as red as what ma did. And, honest I thought Aunt Mag was goin' to have a fit. She laughed till the tears rolled down her cheeks, and she said of her nose. Ma tried to hush her up, but she couldn't."

"She said me ma went into the country to visit a friend of hers once, and while she was up there she met this fellow who was afraid he hadn't got 'dressed of gold' with him at home, but you know you don't expect to meet such good fellows in the country as you do in the city. Well, anyway, ma went bushy right with him and to all the church societies and picnics she did have a swell time for that kind of a place, but of course when she went home she didn't expect to hear no more from the fellow."

"Jake his name was. Wasn't that the limit for a name? Aunt Mag said the folks at home nearly leaved the life out of ma about Jake. Well, after ma come home Jake began writin' to me. Aunt Mag said ma must 'a wrote to him sometimes, for the fellow kept writin' to her and sendin' her calen-dars and fancy Christmas cards, and everything."

"Finally he up and wrote a letter askin' ma to marry him. Aunt Mag

said she was in the room when the letter come, and she just grabbed the letter out of ma's hand and read it, ma holleer to her to quit and everlastin' all the time."

"Aunt Mag said she bet that Jake fellow never wrote it in the world. It sounded like one of these awful letters you see in the books of etiquette, all about how ma was the light of his life and when he didn't see her the sun didn't seem to be shinin', and how the grass didn't look green any more because she wasn't there."

"Ma put the letter into the fire and then she went and told grandma how Aunt Mag had acted and grandma told Aunt Mag if she ever caught her teasin' me about Jake again she knew other lecher come from Jake. Ma was so tickled about it she showed it to me. 'It all ended in ma's makin' grand-ma go down and tell him she wouldn't marry him and she wouldn't even go down to see him. Say, Aunt Mag said they never did get over laughin' about ma and Jake.'"

Miss Pike removed the pins from her customer's epidermis and smoothed down the back of the nucleus of a garment. "Ma guess it'll all right," she said. "Anyways things always look better after they're pressed. It'll be a real cute little dress even if it didn't cost very much."—Chicago News.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Fifth Wheel of the Corporation Coach.

Mr. Editor: The fifth wheel of a wagon has recently been discovered by a writer in the Norwich Bulletin. It is the neglected dog that develops rabies and becomes a menace and a danger to the public.—Ed.]

BOOK NOTICE.

A History of the Republican National Conventions—1856 to 1908, by John Tweedy, 8mo., of 408 pages, with index. Frontispiece portrait of Senator Joseph R. Hawley. Bound in cloth. John Tweedy of Danbury, publisher.

This is a reliable, handy reference volume for any man's library, as it contains all of interest connected with these great conventions and pictures of the candidates. Charles Hopkins Clark, editor of the Hartford Courant, writes the introduction, in which he says: "The republican party has held 14 national conventions, adopted 14 platforms, made 14 nominations for the presidency and elected its candidate 11 times in the period from Fremont to Taft. Where were these conventions held? Who were the leading men in them? What platforms were adopted? Who were the various candidates brought forward from whom to choose a nominee? How did the Connecticut delegation vote? and who were the Connecticut delegates? These and similar questions are asked by almost everybody during the excitement of a national campaign and they are often asked between times."

This volume by Colonel Tweedy is the only publication I know of which

brings together between two covers the answers to all these inquiries. The publications will be found an invaluable political reference book and in preparing and publishing it, Colonel Tweedy has rendered a genuine public service for which all fortunate enough to possess it will be increasingly grateful as the years go by.

Address John Tweedy, Danbury, Conn., for further particulars.

Never Any Mrs. Burton. Strictly speaking, Senator Burton, of Ohio, may not be a woman hater but preceding a recent function here the society editor of a Washington paper determined to describe the gowns of all the senators' wives present.

"Mr. Senator," she said as she accosted the Ohio statesman, "will you be kind enough to tell me what sort of a gown Mrs. Burton will wear?"

Taking his eyeglasses from his pocket and putting them carefully upon his nose the Senator fixed the girl with a glance that nerved her to the mast, and frigidly replied:

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